

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

~~providing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes an individual drug and an individual medical device,~~

~~generating associating a unique tracking code for a~~ with said single medical device loaded with a drug~~source, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single medical device loaded with a drug~~source,

~~receiving providing data associated with said drug in said single medical device loaded with a drug~~source to be administered from providing of said single source containing said drug to disposal of said single source, the received data including information associated with an action performed relating to the single medical device loaded with a drug, the action including at least one of preparing the single medical device loaded with a drug, administering the single medical device loaded with a drug to a patient, and disposing of the single medical device loaded with a drug,

~~disposing of said single source,~~

~~storing the data in association with said tracking code on a storage device with the unique tracking code for the single medical device loaded with a drug to form at least one record uniquely tied to the single medical device loaded with a drug, whereby the stored data may be altered while still being associated with the same unique tracking code, and~~

~~receiving a request for information regarding the single medical device loaded with a drug, the request including said unique tracking code,~~

~~retrieving stored data from the at least one record including said unique tracking code stored on said storage device using said tracking code, and~~

~~outputting the stored data in response to the request.~~

~~wherein the stored data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks the preparation of said source containing said drug, administration of said drug from said source, and disposal~~

~~of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.~~

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising outputting wherein said tracking code to at least one printer for printing said tracking code as comprises a bar code.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further including scanning said bar code for identifying said drug associated with said bar code prior to administration of said drug to a patient.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further including affixing said single medical device loaded with a drug source to a cradle.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further including adhering a label containing said tracking code to at least one of said cradle and said single medical device loaded with a drug source.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a syringe label cradle.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a port label cradle.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said medical device comprises a syringe.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said medical device comprises an IV port.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

~~preparing preparation of~~ a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes an individual drug and an individual medical device,

affixing said single source in a cradle,

providing a label having a bar code corresponding to a unique tracking code affixed to at least one of said source and said cradle, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single source,

identifying data associated with a first quantity of said drug in said single source and said patient,

storing said data in association with said unique tracking code on a storage device,

administering a second quantity of said drug to ~~[[a]]~~ said patient from said single source,

disposing of said single source after administration of said drug to ~~[[a]]~~ said patient;

~~updating said data and~~ said first quantity of said drug stored in the storage device with the unique tracking code based on the second quantity of said drug administered in association with the same unique tracking code on said storage device, and

retrieving said data from said storage device using said unique tracking code,

wherein said data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks ~~said drug and~~ said source from preparation of said source containing said drug to disposing of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein said ~~source~~ medical device comprises a syringe.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein said ~~source~~ medical device comprises an IV port.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein said tracking code identifies a single source associated with a single patient.

31-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes a drug and an individual syringe,

associating a unique tracking code with said single source,

providing first data associated with said tracking code relating to said drug in said single source to be administered,

providing second data representing an amount of said drug in said single source administered to said patient from said single source associated with said tracking code,

providing third data associated with disposing of said single source,

storing said first, second, and third data in association with said tracking code on a storage device,

retrieving said first, second, and third data from said storage device using said tracking code,

whereby said first, second, and third data associated with said tracking code[[,]] and retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks ~~said single source containing said drug from said the~~ preparing of said source, the through administration of said drug in said source to a patient, and[[to]] said disposal of said source~~thereof~~.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in associated with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in associated with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in associated with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

41-42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

44. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

providing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes a drug and an individual syringe,

associating a unique tracking code with said single source, wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single source,

providing data associated with said single source ~~to be administered from~~ providing of said single source to disposal of said single source,

storing said data in association with said tracking code on a storage device, whereby the stored data may be altered while still being associated with the same unique tracking code, and

retrieving the stored data from said storage device using said tracking code,

wherein the stored data[[,]] retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks the single source from the ~~providing preparation~~ of said source to the disposal of said source.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein said unique tracking code is provided ~~written~~ on a bar code and the bar code is affixed to the single source.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein ~~further comprising~~ said single source includes ~~including~~ other markings other than said bar code containing said unique tracking code.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein said other markings comprises written text, type written text, patient information, drug information, or other bar codes.

48. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparation of a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes a drug and is an individual syringe,

affixing said single source in a cradle,

providing a label having a bar code corresponding to a unique tracking code, wherein said label is affixed to at least one of said source and said cradle, and wherein said unique tracking code is unique as to said single source,

identifying data associated with said drug in said single source and said patient,

storing said data in association with said unique tracking code on a storage device,

administering a quantity of said drug contained in said source to a patient,

disposing of said single source after administration of said drug to a patient,

updating said data in association with the unique tracking code on said storage device, and

retrieving said data from said storage device using said unique tracking code,

wherein said data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks said source from preparation of said source containing said drug to disposing of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein further comprising said single source includes including other markings than said unique tracking code.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein said other markings comprises written text, type written text, patient information, drug information, or other bar codes.